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Applicants : H. FUJII et al.  
Serial No. : 09/807,468  
Filed : April 11, 2001  
For : HIGH STRENGTH ALPHA + BETA TYPE TITANIUM  
ALLOY TUBE AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. This amendment is being filed in a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified patent application and is responsive to the Office Action (final rejection) mailed November 14, 2002. This Request For Continued Examination and amendment are being filed instead of filing an Appeal Brief. A petition for an extension of time in which to file an Appeal Brief accompanies this Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and amendment.